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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCOTES

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (HENRY A. KISSINGER)

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IN DAMASCUS

1. ACCORDING TO PRESENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IN DAMASCUS, (COMPLETE DETAILS WILL BE SENT TO YOU AS SOON AS THEY ARE FIRM) YOU WILL BE JOINING PRESIDENT NIXON DURING HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ASAD ON JUNE 16. WE PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION THAT FOLLOWING MEETING (AT WHATEVER TIME IT ENDS) YOU WILL RETURN TO THE PRESIDENTIAL GUEST PALACE WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THAT YOU WILL REMAIN AT PALACE AND DEPART FROM THERE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE TO THE AIRPORT.

2. IN EVENTUALITY THAT MEETING MIGHT END EARLIER THAN EXPECTED OR THAT YOU DO NOT STAY AT PRESIDENTIAL GUEST PALACE UNTIL TIME FOR DEPARTURE TO AIRPORT (APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS), YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING TWO ALTERNATIVES

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME.

A. YOU MIGHT RETURN TO RAWDHA HOUSE WHERE YOU HAVE STAYED DURING YOUR PREVIOUS VISITS. SYRIANS WILL NO DOUBT PROVIDE YOU WITH LUNCH, OR

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B. YOU MIGHT WISH COME TO RESIDENCE WHERE MY WIFE AND

I WOULD BE MOST HAPPY TO ARRANGE A LIGHT LUNCH FOR EITHER JUST YOURSELF OR A SMALL NUMBER OF THE PARTY, I.E., SCOWCROFT, EAGLEBURGER AND ATHERTON.

3. IN BOTH ALTERNATIVES ABOVE FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM WILL COME AS PLANNED AT 1:35 P.M. TO MEET YOU AND ESCORT YOU TO PRESIDENTIAL GUEST PALACE WHERE YOU WOULD JOIN MOTORCADE TO AIRPORT. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE YOU HAVE REGARDING OPTIONS PARA 2 ABOVE. SCOTES

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